

Washington, DC-Wednesday, Congressman Harry Teague voted to provide schools in southern New Mexico with access to an estimated \$20,597,000 in grant funding to make our schools more energy efficient, through modernization, renovation and repair projects. Modernizing and "greening" our school buildings will help revive our economy by creating jobs and preparing workers for the clean energy jobs of the future. The 21st Century Green High Performing Public School Facilities Act passed today on a vote of 275-155.

"A safe and healthy learning environment is critical to the success of our children both in the classroom and in life," said Congressman Harry Teague. "Providing the much needed resources to upgrade and modernize our school facilities will give our children a safe place to learn, create jobs in our local communities, and teach our children about the energy jobs of the future."

Some examples of projects that could benefit from the 21st Century Green High Performing Public School Facilities Act already exist in southern New Mexico. Alamogordo Public Schools (APS) has implemented systems utilizing renewable energy with the installation of Ground Source Heat Pumps at Alamogordo High School, Yucca Elementary and Heights Elementary. These installations have provided high quality learning environments, lowered water and gas consumption, and reduced maintenance costs.

Dave Flood, Director of Operations and Transportation at APS was optimistic about the legislation's ability to provide funding for the local program "Alamogordo Public Schools have been leaders in southern New Mexico for many years in the effort to bring our buildings into the 21st century via renewable energy systems," said Flood. "We feel strongly that we have the right team, in the right place, at the right time to put New Mexicans back to work, save dollars to put back into the classroom, and provide a learning resource for our students that illustrates the clean energy careers of the future. All we need is funding. HB 2187 will provide that funding."

The House of Representatives also adopted, 433-0, an amendment offered by Congressman Harry Teague to allow schools to upgrade on facilities to mitigate the amount of dust and particles in the air which often creates health problems for children in arid climates.

Below is a list of the estimated LEA grant funding levels for southern New Mexico's Schools:

School District

Funding

Alamogordo Public Schools

\$884,000

Animas Public Schools

\$29,000

Artesia Public Schools

\$346,000

Belen Consolidated Schools

\$612,000

Capitan Municipal Schools

\$43,000

Carlsbad Municipal Schools

\$592,000

Carrizozo Municipal Schools

\$37,000

Cloudcroft Municipal Schools

33,000

Cobre Consolidated Schools

\$282,000

Corona Municipal Schools

\$13,000

Deming Public Schools

\$2,212,000

Dexter Consolidated Schools

\$109,000

Eunice Municipal Schools

\$50,000

Fort Sumner Municipal Schools

\$36,000

Gadsden Independent Schools

\$3,635,000

Grants-Cibola County Schools

797,000

Hagerman Municipal Schools

\$106,000

Hatch Valley Municipal Schools

\$450,000

Hobbs Municipal Schools

\$921,000

Hondo Valley Public Schools

\$38,000

Jal Public Schools

\$58,000

Lake Arthur Municipal Schools

\$21,000

Las Cruces Public Schools

\$3,611,000

Lordsburg Municipal Schools

\$159,000

Los Lunas Public Schools

\$1,058,000

Loving Municipal Schools

\$44,000

Lovington Public Schools

\$320,000

Magdalena Municipal Schools

\$218,000

Quemado Independent Schools

\$51,000

Reserve Independent Schools

\$49,000

Roswell Independent Schools

\$1,365,000

Ruidoso Municipal Schools

\$237,000

Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools

\$93,000

Silver City Consolidated Schools

\$369,000

Socorro Consolidated Schools

\$387,000

Tatum Municipal Schools

\$39,000

Truth or Consequences Schools

\$352,000

Tularosa Municipal Schools

\$356,000

Vaughn Municipal Schools

\$18,000

Zuni Public Schools

\$567,000

Total

\$20,597,000

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